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1. Prior to 1951, a barracks installation was located in Dej on the oak-wooded hill just west of the town. Residents called the installation the "Mountain Infantry Barracks". Four barracks each about 30 meters long were along the road. The soldiers were called mountain infantrymen by the population. They wore berets and skiing trousers with white turned-down socks and ski boots. Source saw no activities.
2. An ammunition depot with small wooden huts and small concrete air raid shelters was about 300 meters from the mountain infantry barracks on the south slope of the hill. It was surrounded by a barbed wire fence.
3. Prior to the fall of 1951, an old barracks installation consisting of one building to which floors had been added, was in the northwest sector of the town at the northern foot of the hill where the mountain infantry barracks was located. It fronted on Ecaterina Teodoroiu street. Residents stated that recruit units were quartered in this installation which was occupied to capacity, prior to the fall of 1951. The troops had black and reddish-violet service color. No weapons other than small arms and machine guns were observed. Some equipment was occasionally carried by horses. No motor vehicles were observed on the premises of the barracks installation. There were no other barracks installations in the town. The pastures in the area northwest of the town served as training grounds.

4. A Rumanian recruiting office for registering and drafting young men in the Dej District, was in the town. [REDACTED]

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5. No Rumanian security units or Soviet units were observed in the post prior to the fall of 1951. The main office of the militia and a militia barracks building were in the town. Source was unable to furnish details.
6. Prior to October 1951, the barracks installation of the former Rumanian 34th Infantry Regiment, located on the east edge of Bistrita, 45 kilometers east of Dej, on the north bank of the Bistrita River, was occupied by Rumanian troops. This installation was not damaged during the last war. No new buildings were erected prior to the fall of 1951. Source saw no heavy weapons with the soldiers who wore olive-green uniforms and skiing trousers with laced boots and turned-down white socks. NCO's wore visor caps with cap ribbons of different colors. During the summer, this unit, which source referred to as infantry, moved to a training camp, about 5 kilometers from Bistrita, for a period of training.
7. Prior to October 1951, Rumanian units with horse-drawn guns were observed in the former artillery barracks installation, just east of the infantry barracks. The barracks building was a large stone building. Source saw up to four guns each drawn by six horses. The artillery barracks and the infantry barracks formed one installation and, prior to World War II, quartered a Rumanian artillery unit with horse-drawn guns. No construction work was under way prior to the fall of 1951.
8. Prior to October 1951, the former Mountain Infantry barracks located on the north side of the main road crossing the town from northeast to southwest and about 750 meters west of the infantry barracks quartered Rumanian troops of unknown service color. This installation surrounded a barracks yard. A Rumanian mountain infantry battalion was billeted there prior to World War II. There were no other barracks installations in the town. Prior to the fall of 1951, a well camouflaged Rumanian training camp with low wooden buildings was midway between Bistrita and about 10 kilometers northeast of Iad in the woodland north of Wallendorf. This camp was the summer camp of the units stationed in Bistrita. No Soviet units or offices were stationed in the town prior to the fall of 1951.
9. At least 200 men were quartered in the former mountain infantry barracks installation prior to October 1951. The troops billeted there wore olive-green uniforms and had only small arms. Horse drawn vehicles were occasionally seen leaving the barracks installation. Source stated that the barracks installation on the east edge of the town was more heavily occupied than the mountain infantry barracks installation. The soldiers observed there, apparently infantrymen, carried only small arms. Source also saw occasionally small two-wheel guns with short barrels towed by a horse-drawn limber.

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